

## Supplementary Information

### Tree height and hydraulic traits shape growth responses across droughts in a temperate broadleaf forest

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R-packages not already cited in the main manuscript include the following, listed alphabetically by corresponding package name:

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Table S1: Species-specific bark thickness regression equations

Species	Equations	$R^2$
<i>Carya cordiformis</i>	$\ln[B] = -1.56 + 0.416 * \ln[DBH]$	0.226
<i>Carya glabra</i>	$\ln[B] = -0.393 + 0.268 * \ln[DBH]$	0.040
<i>Carya ovalis</i>	$\ln[B] = -2.18 + 0.651 * \ln[DBH]$	0.389
<i>Carya tomentosa</i>	$\ln[B] = -0.477 + 0.301 * \ln[DBH]$	0.297
<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	$\ln[B] = 1 * \ln[DBH]$	
<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	$\ln[B] = 0.418 + 0.268 * \ln[DBH]$	0.256
<i>Juglans nigra</i>	$\ln[B] = 0.346 + 0.279 * \ln[DBH]$	0.246
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	$\ln[B] = -1.14 + 0.463 * \ln[DBH]$	0.545
<i>Quercus alba</i>	$\ln[B] = -2.09 + 0.637 * \ln[DBH]$	0.603
<i>Quercus prinus</i>	$\ln[B] = -1.31 + 0.528 * \ln[DBH]$	0.577
<i>Quercus rubra</i>	$\ln[B] = -0.593 + 0.292 * \ln[DBH]$	0.087

Table S2: Species-specific height regression equations

Species	Equations	$R^2$
<i>Carya cordiformis</i>	$\ln[H] = 0.332 + 0.808 * \ln[DBH]$	0.874
<i>Carya glabra</i>	$\ln[H] = 0.685 + 0.691 * \ln[DBH]$	0.841
<i>Carya ovalis</i>	$\ln[H] = 0.533 + 0.741 * \ln[DBH]$	0.924
<i>Carya tomentosa</i>	$\ln[H] = 0.726 + 0.713 * \ln[DBH]$	0.897
<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	$\ln[H] = 0.708 + 0.662 * \ln[DBH]$	0.857
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	$\ln[H] = 1.33 + 0.52 * \ln[DBH]$	0.771
<i>Quercus alba</i>	$\ln[H] = 0.74 + 0.645 * \ln[DBH]$	0.719
<i>Quercus prinus</i>	$\ln[H] = 0.41 + 0.757 * \ln[DBH]$	0.886
<i>Quercus rubra</i>	$\ln[H] = 1.00 + 0.574 * \ln[DBH]$	0.755
all	$\ln[H] = 0.839 + 0.642 * \ln[DBH]$	0.857

Table S3: Palmer drought severity index (PDSI) by month for focal droughts. Rank refers to

year	month	PDSI	rank
<b>focal droughts</b>			
1966	May	-2.98	2
	June	-3.40	2
	July	-4.08	2
	August	-4.82	1
1977	May	-2.96	3
	June	-3.28	3
	July	-3.61	3
	August	-3.68	3
1999	May	-3.63	1
	June	-4.21	1
	July	-4.53	1
	August	-4.64	2
<b>other</b>			
1991	May	-1.79	10
	June	-2.10	10
	July	-2.17	10
	August	-3.06	4

Table S4. Single-variable tests of hypothesized drivers of drought resistance, where  $Rt_{ARIMA}$  is used as the response variable. Models including each variable were compared to corresponding null models. Delta AICc is the AICc of the null model minus that of the model including the variable (thus, Delta AICc > 1 indicates that the variable significantly improves the model). Variable abbreviations are as in Table 2.

variable	category	null model variables	all droughts		1966		1977		1999	
			dAICc	coefficients	dAICc	coefficients	dAICc	coefficients	dAICc	coefficients
<b>Species traits</b>										
xylem porosity	R	ln[H]*ln[TWI]+crown position (+year)	-5.29	0.0430	0.81	0.1500	2.77**	-0.177	2.51**	0.159
	D/SR		-	0.0000	-	0.0000	-	0.000	-	0.000
<i>PLA</i>		ln[H]*ln[TWI]+crown position (+year)	-5.06	-0.0120	10.34**	-0.0240	-0.91	-0.009	-1.69	-0.005
<i>LMA</i>		ln[H]*ln[TWI]+crown position (+year)	-12.72	0.0003	-2.05	-0.0005	-0.57	-0.003	-1.9	0.001
$\pi_{tlp}$		ln[H]*ln[TWI]+crown position (+year)	-2.54	-0.1530	-1.92	-0.0650	-0.28	-0.201	-0.16	-0.190
<i>WD</i>		ln[H]*ln[TWI]+crown position (+year)	-3.94	-0.0390	-0.2	-0.2970	-1.69	-0.133	0.74	0.313

\* $\Delta AICc > 1$ : variable qualified for inclusion in full model

Table S5. Summary of top full models for each drought instance, where  $Rt_{ARIMA}$  is used as the response variable. Models are ranked by AICc, and we show all models whose AICc value falls within 1.0 (Delta AICc<1) of the best model (bold).

drought	dAICc	$R^2$	Intercept	$\ln[H]$	$\ln[TWI]$	$\ln[H] * \ln[TWI]$	crown position				$PLA$	$\pi_{tlp}$
							D	C	I	S		
all	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>1.132</b>	<b>-0.296</b>	<b>-0.494</b>	<b>0.136</b>	<b>-0.015</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-0.012</b>	<b>0.013</b>	<b>-0.012</b>	-
1966	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>1.844</b>	<b>-0.193</b>	<b>-0.165</b>	<b>0.040</b>	<b>0.005</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.011</b>	<b>0.058</b>	<b>-0.024</b>	-
1977	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.18</b>	<b>1.731</b>	<b>-0.384</b>	<b>-0.870</b>	<b>0.241</b>	<b>-0.069</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.016</b>	<b>0.103</b>	-	<b>-0.201</b>
1999	<b>0.63</b>	<b>0.18</b>	<b>2.326</b>	<b>-0.382</b>	<b>-0.867</b>	<b>0.240</b>	<b>-0.071</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.014</b>	<b>0.098</b>	<b>-0.009</b>	-
	0.00	0.20	1.128	-0.175	-0.330	0.087	0.012	0	-0.034	-0.048	-	-0.188 -

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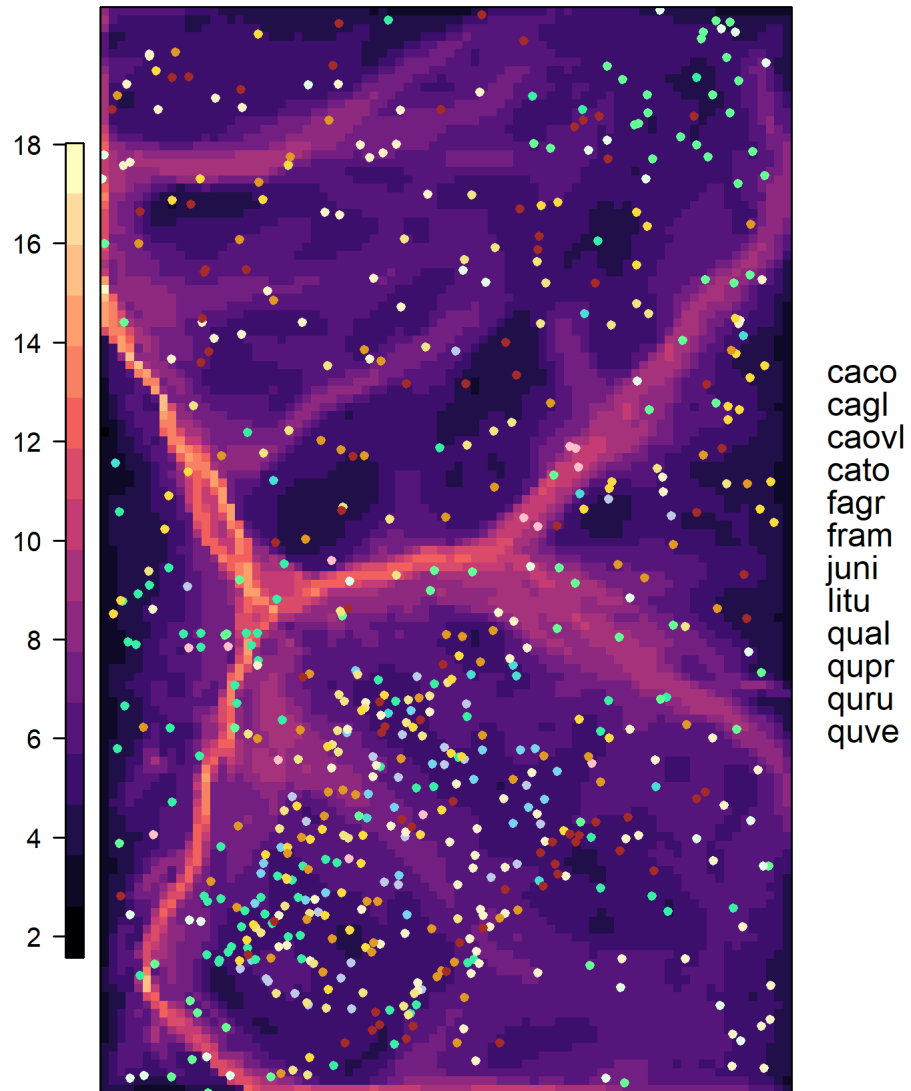


Figure S1: Map of ForestGEO plot showing TWI and location of cored trees

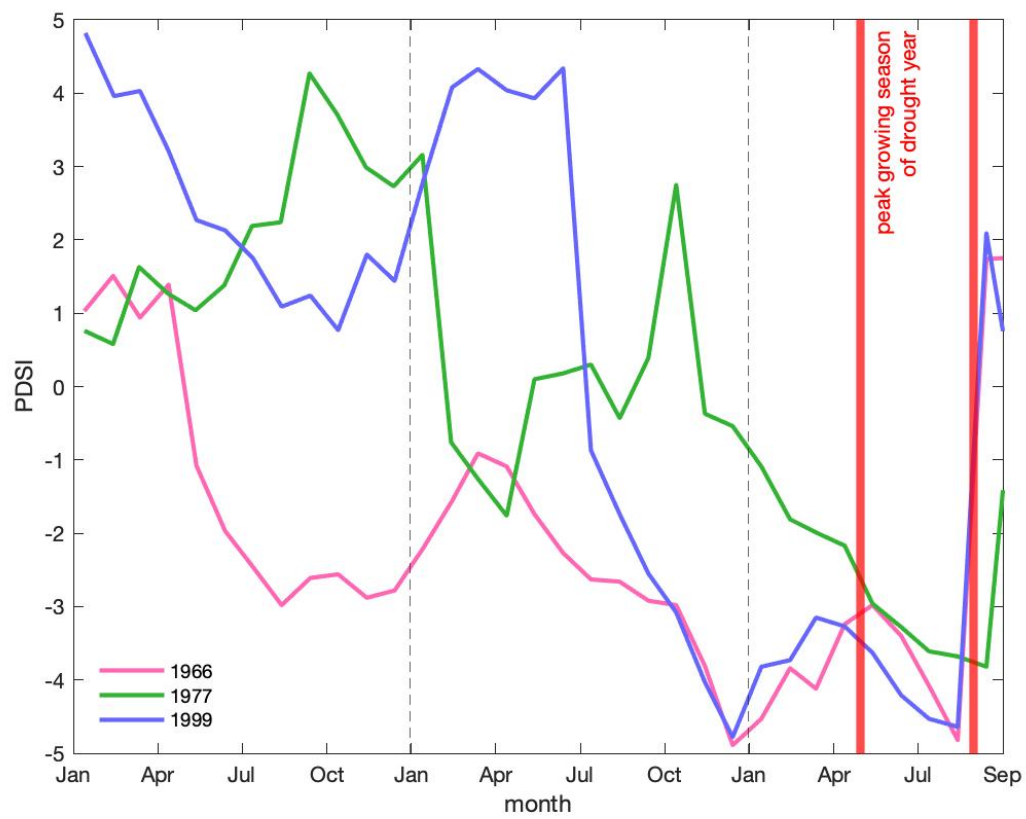


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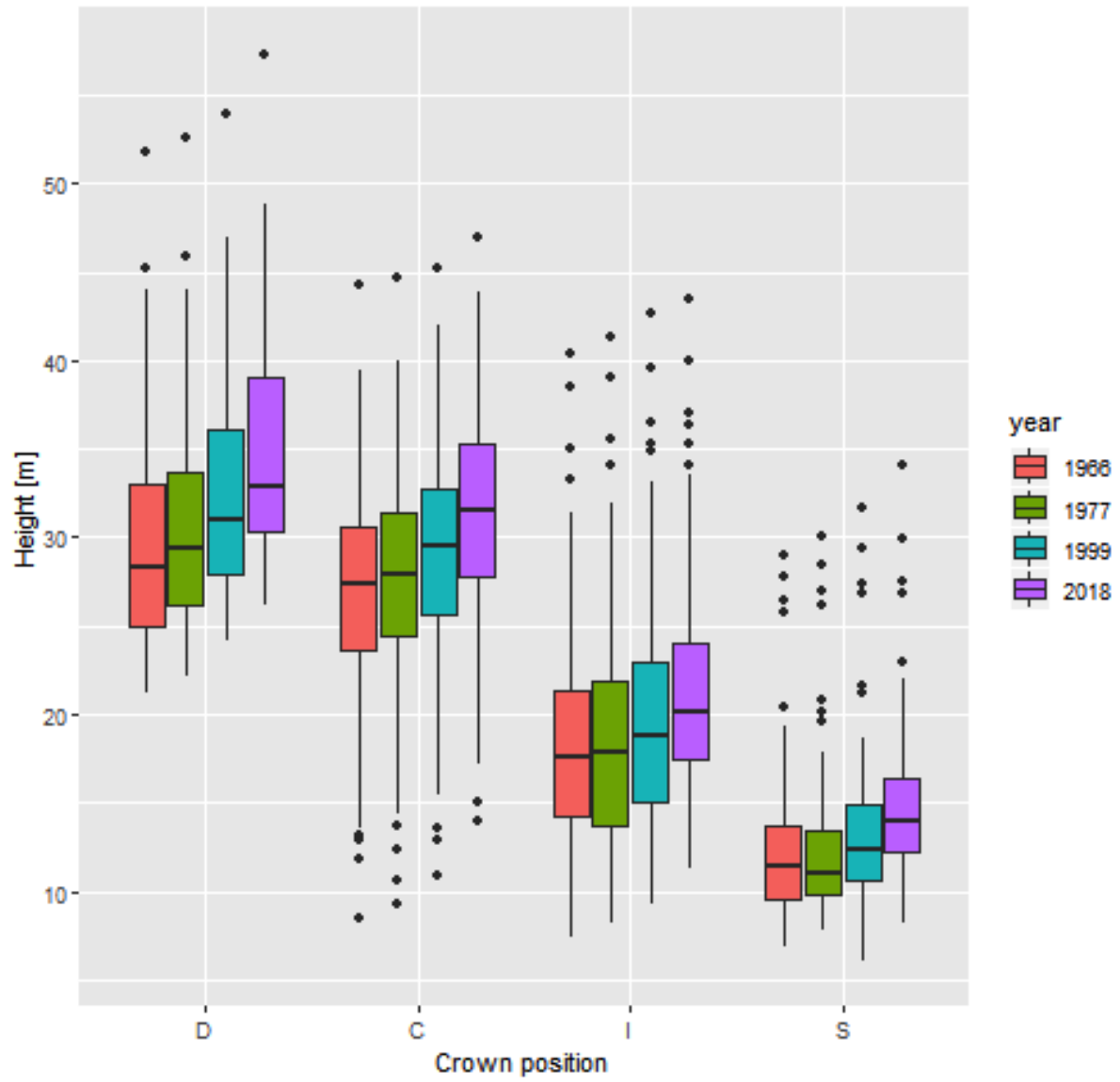


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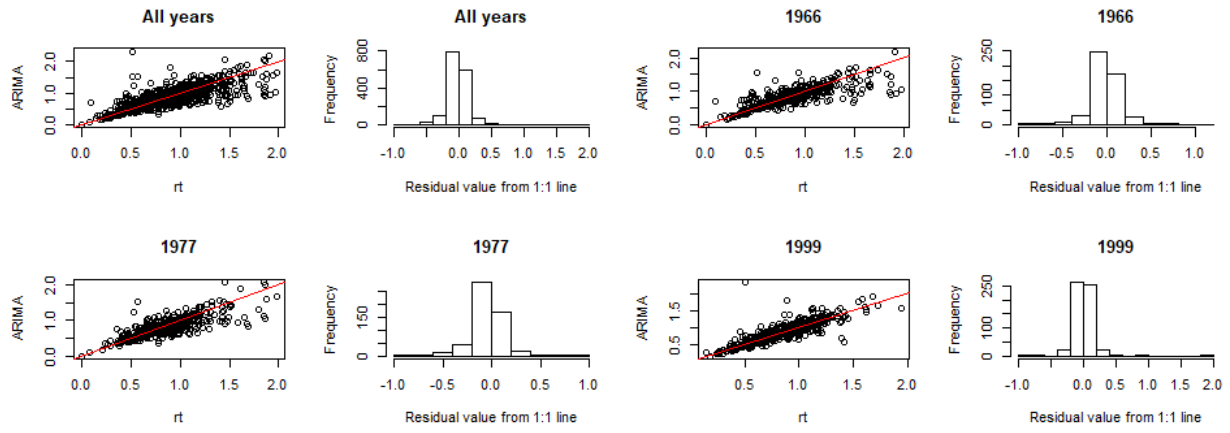


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